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NICKEL WIRE

Klinger & Schmidt is the only firm in the GDR that produces switch and alarm relays and [] all its products go only to key industries. These relays require a sealed-in wire which is obtainable only from the [] manufacturers of vacuum fusion products, in [] West Germany. The yearly requirement of this wire, ferrenickel alloy type 501, is 15 kilograms at 44. West marks per kilogram. [] Klinger & Schmidt has tried every means to obtain this wire from the contract office up to Minister Dolling, with no results. As a final desperate measure the firm is requesting an audience with Walter Ulbricht.

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